

ELEMENT DOG TRAINING

Place

- Definition
 - Teach your dog to go to and settle in a designated location such as a dog bed
- Purpose
 - Provides a stationing behavior. Typically used as an alternate for nuisance behaviors like begging for food during dinner
- Process
 - Identify the item to be used as the dog's place and reward the dog for going near or investigating it. Slowly move the rewards closer and closer until the dog has all 4 paws on its place.
 - Point toward the place. Continue rewarding for 4 paws on place then add in and reward a Sit
 - Fade the reward for 4 paws on place and pause to see if your dog will automatically sit. If not continue to practice with a cued sit.
 - Point toward the place. Continue to reward for sitting on place and add in a Down
 - Fade the reward for the sit and pause to see if your dog will automatically down. If not continue to practice with a cued down.
 - Add in the verbal cue "Place" before pointing toward the place. Dog should start to go to place and automatically lay down.
 - Start adding duration to the down. Remember to provide a release cue to signal when it is time for the dog to leave place
 - Add in difficulty and distance by adding distraction into the environment and by moving away from the place while your dog remains in a stay.
- [YouTube video Place Training](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5RVDV5bQi5Q)
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- Common mistakes when teaching crate training:
 - Forcing duration and creating a negative association with the place
 - Changing more than 1 variable at a time such as combining both difficulty and distance into the same step.
 - Moving too quickly by adding in too much duration, difficulty, or distance before your dog is ready to handle it.

